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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 25, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and a consideration of the response on the merits. This Amendment and Response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and a One Month Petition for Extension of Time, and is therefore believed to be timely.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.